

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY
270 Hartford Road
SALEM, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2010
Montville Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Attendees

Montville: Bill Wrobel, Sandra Tryon
Salem: Bob Neddo, Russ Smith
Bozrah: Henry Granger

Excused: Scott Soderberg, Larry Harrington, Ed Socha, Jim McArdle

Public Comments

Approximately 30 people attended the GLA meeting, including State Representative Ed Jutila, Senator Andrea Stillman, DEP Director of Boating, Education & Safety, Eleanor C. Mariani and Vice President of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., Stanley Dynia.

Russ Smith opened the meeting by passing out a list of concerns that were discussed at a previous GLA meeting in hopes of finding solutions to ongoing problems occurring on Gardner Lake (see attached).

Russ Smith also discussed the urgency of applying for a four million dollar grant for projects that improve and support ecosystem management and habitat restoration in Connecticut. The deadline for this application must be submitted by July 29, 2010.

Many people spoke about the new state boat launch and public beach area stating their concerns about the increase in boat traffic. The GLA budget does not have enough money to cover the patrolling that should take place on the lake, given the high volume of boat traffic. Eleanor Mariani with DEP recommended that people call in violators when they witness unsafe or illegal behavior. The DEP number to call is 860-424-3333. The following information is needed when making this call: The type of violation, location, direction the boat was heading, description of boater (clothing), registration number and time. It was mentioned that DEP should assist in patrolling the lake and monitoring boats being put into the lake from the public boat launch area. There should be a life guard present at the public beach as well. Some people suggested putting in a toll booth to collect money to help off-set the cost of patrol and life guard.

David Rolly from the Montville police department said that their boat and officers are stretched thin and it is difficult to provide the amount of coverage that Gardner Lake needs. Having the assistance from DEP patrol would certainly help. He also said people could call into the Montville Troup E Barracks to report violations at 860-848-6500.

The only boating speed limit is 6 mph before sunrise and after sunset. It was mentioned that setting up speed limits during the day would be helpful as well.

Gary Payton stated that jet skis and boats are speeding too close to his roped in swim area. The jet skiers are completely out of control ignoring safety rules.

Meeting Minutes

The June 10 meeting minutes were read. Changes noted were the GLA Address should be changed to 270 Hartford Road and under "attendees" for Salem, Bill Wrobel should be name changed to Russ Smith. Bill made a motion to accept the minutes with changes, seconded by Russ and unanimously accepted.

Treasurers Report

The May 15 to June 15, 2010 treasurer's report was read. Russ made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Bill seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

Administration/Correspondence/Communication

A letter should be sent to the town of Montville, treasurers department requesting our 2009-2010 release of money for the GLA budget. Sandra will handle.

Old Business

Lake study still not received

Committees

Patrol: Bill Wrobel will call the Montville police to find out if we had coverage for July 4 as there were many people at the meeting that stated there was no coverage for this busy holiday.

Boat Safety Class: The booklets from DEP have been printed and are ready for the boat safety class. Bob will start setting up the classes for the end of July, beginning of August.

New Business

Russ made a motion to have Vice President of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., Stanley Dynia help write up the application for the State DEP Grant., seconded by Bill and unanimously accepted. The application must be submitted by July 29, 2010.

Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Henry and unanimously accepted.

Meeting ended 10:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Tryon, Secretary